

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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FOR: THERMOPROTECTED COMPOSITIONS AND PROCESS FOR  
TERMINAL STEAM STERILIZATION OF MICROPARTICLE  
PREPARATIONS

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

In response to the Office action mailed November 8, 2011, please consider the following remarks. A response filed on or before February 8, 2012 is considered timely.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.